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ASSIGNMENT HISTORY OF MARSHALL WILSON HOUTS

ENTERED ON DUTY AT WASHINGTON, D. C. ON OCTOBER 20, 1941

OFFICE	DATE
School	10-20-41
Washington, Field,	1-17-42
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 36 of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:-

(A) Marital Status: Single
(Married employees state spouse's place of employment)

(B) Date of Birth: June 28, 1919

(C) Names of parents, brothers and sisters:
Thomas J. Houts - father
Mary Alexander Houts - mother

(D) Maiden name of wife, together with names of wife's parents, brothers and sisters:

(E) Names of husband's parents, brothers and sisters:

(F) Names of societies or organizations with which connected: Gamma Eta Gamma, professional fraternity.

(G) Legal Residence: Route #3, New Market, Tenn.

(H) Education:
(Names of Schools attended and degrees received) Brevard Junior College, Brevard N.C., 1935-1937; Univ. of Minnesota, 1937-1941, degrees of B.S.L. & L.L.B.

(I) Name, address and relationship of person to be notified in case of emergency:
Thomas J. Houts, R7 Box #3, New Market, Tennessee — father

(J) List of names of any relatives now in the Government service, with degree of relationship, and where employed. (List all relatives, including those by marriage.):
None

(K) Offices where assignment preferred:
(Limited to three)
None

Very truly yours,
Marshall W. Houts

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I. DEGREES: SCHOOL: LOCATION:

B.S.L. and L.L.B. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

II. BARS: YEAR ADMITTED:

Tennessee 1940

III. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS: YEAR:

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IV. LANGUAGES:

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None (language)
Read: Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____
Sufficient to read foreign language newspapers _____
Sufficient to translate with aid of dictionary _____
Speak: (ability to carry on conversation)
Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____
Understand: (ability to listen to a conversation and intelligently report the substance)
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Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____
(To report additional information, attach sheet)

V. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (give detailed information regarding previous employment, vocations, avocations and special abilities, and degree of proficiency)

Manager of Law School Bookstore, University of Minnesota, for 2 years, with the total responsibility of conducting a business of about $10,000 yearly volume.
Painter with Midwest Painting Company, Chicago, Ill., during summer of 1938. I am a fair painter.
associated with farm work most of life and can operate farm machinery. Good base ball player & have coached a team.

VI. MILITARY & NAVAL AFFILIATIONS: (include reserve officer's commission)
Candidates Class of Officers Training Course, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, May 8, 1941 to September 17, 1941. Was given a rigid course of training at Quantico, Va., June 25, 1941 to Sept. 17, 1941. I could have command a platoon.

Marshall W. O'Hoits
(Signature)

October 20, 1941
(Date)

Special Agent
(Title of Position)

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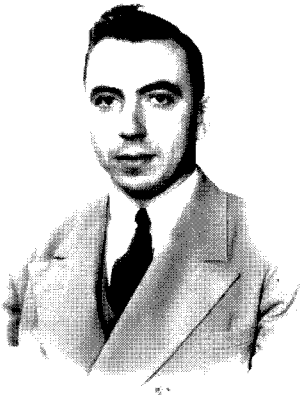

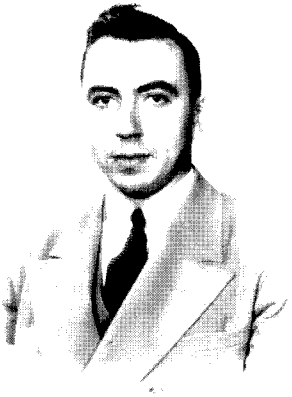

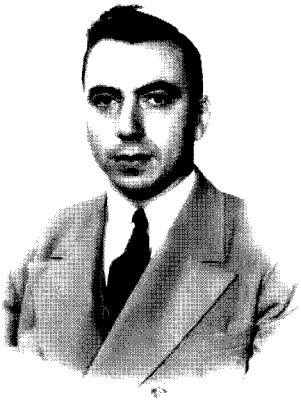

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2285 Hoswell Ave.
St. Paul, Minn.

25. List the names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed:

Dr. A. B. Caldwell, Department of Education, St. Paul, Minnesota, step-brother-in law.

26. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? $3000

27. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? Yes.

28. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? Yes.

29. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? Yes.

30. Attach unmounted full face photograph not larger than 3 by 4¼ inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be taken not more than 30 days prior to date of application. (Application will not be considered complete if such photograph not furnished.)

Respectfully,

Marshall W. Houts
(Signature of applicant as usually written)

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

NOTE.—The following jurat must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this 8th day of February, 1941, at city (or town) of Minneapolis, county of Hennepin, and State (or Territory or District) of Minnesota

Bruce M. Van Sickle
(Signature of officer)
BRUCE M. VAN SICKLE
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.
My Commission Expires Oct. 13, 1945.

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Application will not be considered complete if above jurat not executed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

St. Paul, Minnesota
February 8, 1941

Special Agent (Law Trained)	☒	**
Special Agent (Accountant)	☐	**
Special Employee	☐	**
Stenographer	☐	
Typist	☐	
Translator	☐	
Messenger	☐	**
Laboratory Technician*	☐	**
Student Fingerprint Classifier	☐	

(Indicate by check)

SIR:

I hereby make application for appointment to the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

(This application should be typewritten if possible)

1. Name in full (please print) Houts, (Family name) Marshall (Given name) Wilson (Middle name)

(a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name

2. Legal residence 2285 Doswell Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota

3. Mail and telegraphic address ~~2285 Doswell Ave., St. Paul~~ New Market, Tenn. Phone No. Mi 3598

4. Complete date of birth 6/28/19 Weight 165 Height 5' 10" (Without Shoes) Color White

5. Place of birth Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee

6. (a) Father's name Thomas J. Houts (b) Father's birthplace Marion County, Tennessee
(c) Present address New Market, Tennessee

7. (a) Mother's maiden name Mary V. Alexander (b) Mother's birthplace Marion, Virginia
(c) Present address New Market, Tennessee

8. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here?

9. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes.

10. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization

11. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? Single

12. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed

13. Number of children, if any

14. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? Yes, after June, 1941.

15. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom?
$200.00 to the Student Loan Fund, University of Minnesota

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*Specify exact title of position sought as Laboratory Technician.
**Positions of Special Agent (Law Trained), Special Agent (Accountant), Laboratory Technician, Special Employee, and Messenger for male applicants only.

See details on separate description sheets which will be furnished on request.

*** (Please see attached page for this question).

16. Education: (Please print.)

	NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	FROM—	TO—	COURSES PURSUED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED
(a) Elementary				
(b) High school equivalent	Name Address			
(c) College or technical *	Name Address			
(d) Foreign Languages Give degree of proficiency as to speaking, reading, writing				
(e) Miscellaneous *				

17. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

Gamma Eta Gamma, professional legal fraternity; Wesley Foundation, of St. Anthony Park Methodist Church, St. Paul.

18. Have you been admitted to the Bar, if so specify Yes, State of Tennessee, September 7, 1940

19. Describe any physical defects, including extent of defective vision, if any

None

20. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days and nature of serious illness):

Health excellant; no serious illness.

* Applicants for Laboratory Technician positions should list in detail scientific courses pursued, using an insert if necessary and give title of any Master's or Doctor's Thesis prepared.

Turned down by U.S. Marine Corps, defect in color vision
Contact Lt. B. DuBell, + Capt. W. Adams re conduct + ability while member of candidate's class.

21. Experience: (Please print.)

	NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND KIND OF WORK	FROM—	TO—	ANNUAL SALARY
Charlotte	Name Brevard College Address Brevard, N. C.	Ass't. dean of men; mail carrier.	1935	1937	$150
"	Name Mrs. Claud Medford Address Lake Junaluska, N.C.	Waiter in dining hall	Summers of 1937 and 1938		$30 per month
Chicago	Name Midwestern Painting Co. Address Chicago, Illinois	Ry. painter	Aug. 1938	Sept. 1938	$100 per month
St Paul	Name White Mfg. Company Address Univ. & Raymond, St. Paul, Minn.	Shop hand	June 1939	Sept. 1939	$16 per week
"	Name Law School Council Address University of Minn.	Mgn. of Law Bookstore	1938	1940	$200
	Name Address				
	Name Address				
	Name Address				

22. Specify any arrests (include traffic arrests): None

22 A. Specify any arrests of immediate family None, to my knowledge.

23. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? No

Specify: Knoxville ~~SS Bd #2, Jefferson Co., Strawberry Plains, Tenn.~~

24. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one) of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

	NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED	BUSINESS ADDRESS.
Omaha	1. Dr. Lloyd Rising	First Methodist Church Lincoln, Nebraska.	3	
St Paul	2. Mr. James Shields	2021 Franklin Ave, SE Minneapolis, Minn.	7	N.L.R.B., St. Paul, Minnesota
Knoxville	3. Rev. C. P. Hardin	Brainard Meth. Church Chattanooga, Tenn.	4	
St Paul	4. Mr. Ellis Sherman	4233 Bryant Ave S Minneapolis, Minn.	4	831 NW Bank Bldg. Minneapolis, Minnesota
Dr	5. Mr. Joe Jennings	202 W. Mt. Ida St. Alexandria, Va.	4	Indian Service Dept. Of Interior Washington, D. C.

24 A. Give residence addresses for past five years.

Atlanta Rising Fawn, Ga.; St Paul

Brevard College, Brevard N. C., 1935-1937; 2285 Doswell Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1937-1941; Cherokee Inn, Lake Junaluska, N. C., summers of 1937 and 1938; New Market, Tennessee, Route # 3, summer of 1940; Butte 301 Ellicott Drive, ~~Silver Springs, Md~~

acq with Dr Daniel T McLaughlin while
my Wallace R Hoaglund
(Stig A Larsen Jr. School)

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16. Education:

(a) Elementary	Normal Park School N. Chattanooga, Tenn.	1925
	Nickles School Lenoir City, Tenn.	1925-1928
Richmond (b) High School	Max Meadows High Max Meadows, Va.	1928-1932
Ada	Dade County High Trenton, Georgia	1932-1933
Charlotte	Walkertown High Walkertown, N. C.	1933-1934
"	Arcadia High Route # 1 Lexington, N. C.	1934-1935
(c) College "	Brevard Junior College Brevard, N. C.	1935-1937
(d) University St Paul	Law School University of Minnesota Minneapolis, Minnesota Degrees of B. S. L and L. L. B.	1937-1941
(e) Language	Three years study of French; proficiency in speaking is very poor; in reading and writing, it is fair.	

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MARSHALL HOUTS
Editor-in-Chief

October 14, 1980

Houts, Marshall

Dr. Kenneth E. Joseph
Executive Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Re: Bureau's SIS Program
TV Series - CBS

Dear Ken:

I'm much further along in the development of a TV series based on the Bureau's SIS program during WWII than I expected to be.

I have written the first two-hours of script for a six-hour miniseries which, hopefully, will serve as the pilot for a continuing series. An independent producer working with EMI has taken a fancy to the concept, and made an initial pitch to the head of miniseries development at CBS. He wants a full-blown treatment to accompany my script.

I would like to visit with you and Director Webster in Honolulu about this series as a potential PR piece for the Bureau.

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Additionally, it is my understanding that a detailed account of the SIS program was written in two parts. One was an administrative summary, which can serve as an organizing model in the event a similar program is ever needed. The other is a summary of some 300 of the most interesting cases/investigations handled by SIS. These contain the investigative details (without names) which can serve as the story lines for various episodes in the dramatic series.

May I have access to these write-ups? 7 NOV 25 1980

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Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to visiting with you next week in Honolulu.

Sincerely yours,

Marshall Houts

Marshall Houts

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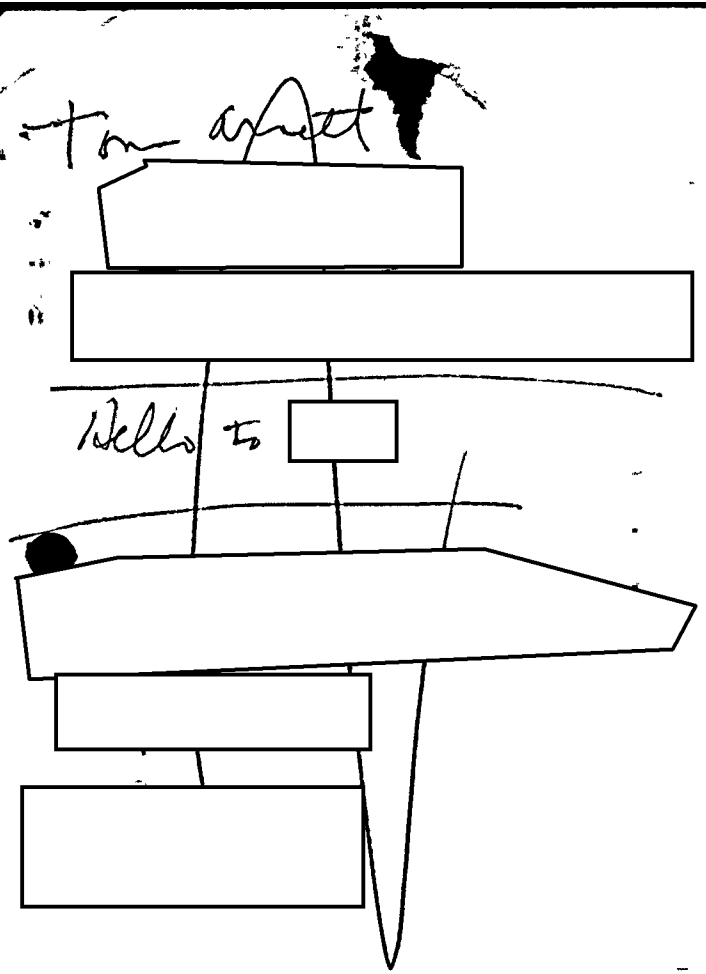

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CURRICULUM VITAE

MARSHALL HOUTS
313 Emerald Bay
Laguna Beach, California 92651
(714) 494-4896

Age : Born June 28, 1919, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Education : Arcadia High School, Lexington, North Carolina, 1935;

Brevard Junior College, Brevard, North Carolina, 1937. Pre-law; A.A.;

University of Minnesota, School of Law, 1941, B.S.L. and J.D. degrees.

World War II : Special Agent, FBI, 1941-44. Service in Washington, D.C. and Boston in this country. Served as under-cover agent in Rio de Janeiro, and as Legal Attaché to the American Embassy in Havana, Cuba.

Member of OSS, 1944-46. Service with XV Indian Corps, West Burma campaign. Attached to British V Force, doing behind-the-lines combat intelligence work. Recipient of two Bronze Arrowheads, and Presidential Unit Citation.

Private Practice of Law : Member of law firm of Palmer & Houts, Pipestone, Minnesota, 1946-51. Engaged in general practice of law.

Judgeship : Elected and served one term as Special Municipal Judge, Pipestone, Minnesota, 1947-1951.

Court of Last Resort : Member and General Counsel to Erle Stanley Gardner's Court of Last Resort, an organization designed to stimulate public interest in all facets of the Administration of Criminal Justice. The format was to reopen cases of

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persons who claimed to be wrongfully convicted of murder, who were without money or lawyers. In this capacity, directed the reinvestigation and evaluation of all the evidence (including the medical and forensic sciences evidence) in nearly 600 murder cases (1951-1961).

Academic Appointments: Visiting Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law, teaching course called "Methods of Proof," (1954);

Professor of Criminal Law and Evidence, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University (1955-57);

Clinical Professor of Forensic Pathology, California College of Medicine, University of California, Irvine, (1972---);

Adjunct Professor of Law, Pepperdine University School of Law, teaching "Legal Medicine" (1974---);

Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, UCI, in course called "History of Jesus Christ" (1978---).

National College of Advocacy: Member of faculty of the National College of Advocacy (Hastings College of the Law), lecturing in the forensic sciences.

Guest Lecturer: Guest lecturer to two dozen State Bar Association programs of Continuing Legal Education of the Bar; in many law schools and universities; at seminars for coroners, medical examiners and crime laboratory personnel in the U.S. and Canada. Subjects: Forensic sciences; cause of death; manner of death.

Deputy Coroner: Deputy Coroner, Pipestone County, Minnesota, (1947-1951).

Family Data: Married in 1946 to Mary Dealy, Pipestone, Minnesota, who is also a graduate of the University of Minnesota (School of Education, 1943).

Children: [redacted] b6 b7C

SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association
Association of Trial Lawyers of America
California Trial Lawyers Association
Minnesota Bar Association
Federal Bar Association
International Association of Chiefs of Police
American Academy of Forensic Sciences
International Academy of Criminology
International Congress of Pathology, Toxicology and Legal Medicine
American Psychology-Law Society
American Polygraph Association
X-FBI Agents Society
Seldon Society (British Legal Research)
Defense Orientation Conference Association

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Tennessee (1940)
State of Minnesota (1946)
United States District Court (Minnesota) (1946)
United States Supreme Court (1967)

SPECIAL AWARDS

Honorary Deputy Attorney General, State of Texas
Honorary Deputy Attorney General, State of Rhode Island
Honorary Associate Attorney General, State of Arkansas
Honorary Member, Kansas Bar Association
Law Day Award for Community Service, Orange County Bar Association
Distinguished Alumnus, University of Minnesota (Outstanding Achievement Award)

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

FROM GUN TO GAVEL (1954) William Morrow & Co., New York

FROM EVIDENCE TO PROOF (1956) Charles C Thomas. Springfield

FROM ARREST TO RELEASE (1958) Charles C Thomas. Springfield

THE RULES OF EVIDENCE (1958) Charles C Thomas. Springfield

COURTROOM MEDICINE (1958) Charles C Thomas. Springfield.

COURTROOM MEDICINE: DEATH (3 Vols) (1964) Matthew Bender. New York

PHOTOGRAPHIC MISREPRESENTATION (1965) Matthew Bender. New York

LAWYERS' GUIDE TO MEDICAL PROOF (4 Vols) (1967) Matthew Bender.

CYCLOPEDIA OF SUDDEN, VIOLENT AND UNEXPLAINED DEATH (1969) Emerald Bay Publishers. Laguna Beach, CA.

PROVING MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS (12 Vols) (1972) Matthew Bender. New York

WHERE DEATH DELIGHTS: The Story of Forensic Medicine and Dr. Milton Helpern, Chief Medical Examiner, City of New York (1967) Coward-McCann. New York

THEY ASKED FOR DEATH (1970) Cowles Book Company. New York

KING'S X: Common Law and the Death of Sir Harry Oakes. (1972) William Morrow & Co. New York.

CHEMICAL POISONS: THE TOXICOLOGY OF INDUSTRICAL CHEMICALS AND THERAPEUTIC AGENTS. (4 Vols) (1980) Matthew Bender.

HOW JUDGED THEY HIM: The Legal Trials of Jesus (in progress)

O CORCOVADO: Undercover for the FBI in Brazil During WWII (in progress)

PUBLICATIONS: TRAUMA

Founder of Trauma (Medicine, Anatomy & Surgery for Lawyers), a hard-cover, bimonthly periodical, now the most widely circulated medico-legal publication in the world. (Sold only on subscription for $100.00 per year). Matthew Bender & Company, New York. (Volumes 1-20--since 1959).

Over the past 25 years, have studied an estimated 2,000 trial transcripts of medical and forensic sciences testimony in an effort to evolve premises of effective courtroom advocacy and fact-finding persuasion.

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES IN THE PERIODICAL LITERATURE

"What Is Trauma?" TRAUMA 1:1:1-4 (June 1959).

"Let's Coach Our Medical Witnesses." TRAUMA 1:2:1-3 (August 1959).

"Alcohol and Trauma." TRAUMA 1:3:1-2 (October 1959).

"The Scope of Trauma." TRAUMA 1:4:1 (December 1959).

"The Medical Literature." TRAUMA 1:5:1-6 (February 1960).

"Planning the Neck Injury Case." TRAUMA 1:5:44-85 (February 1960).

"Has Psychology Attained Legal Age?" TRAUMA 1:6:1-2 (April 1960).

"Don't Slough Off the Voir Dire." TRAUMA 2:1:1-3 (June 1960).

"We Need Better Channels of Communication." TRAUMA 2:2:1-2 (August 1960).

"The Secret Keys to Medical Records." TRAUMA 2:3:1-2 October 1960).

"Products Liability: A Book Review." TRAUMA 2:4:1-2 (December 1960).

"Post Mortem Examination: Neglected Tool of Medical Proof." TRAUMA 2:5:1-2 (February 1961).

"Marshalling the Medical Evidence: the Brochure." TRAUMA 2:5:3-5 (February 1961).

"Courtroom Use of Anatomical Illustrations." TRAUMA 2:6:1-2 (April 1961).

"Courtroom Use of Colored Drawings Based on X-Rays." TRAUMA 3:1:1-2 (June 1961).

"No Apologies Needed." TRAUMA 3:2:1-2 (August 1961).

"Impartial Medical Testimony: Ivory Tower Monster." TRAUMA 3:3:1-2 (October 1961).

"Presenting the Medical Evidence: Contact Dermatitis." TRAUMA 3:3:67-81 (October 1961).

"Inadequate Medical History." TRAUMA 3:4:1-2 (December 1961).

"Presenting the Medical Evidence: A Pancreatic Injury." TRAUMA 3:4:19-28 (December 1961).

"Hearing Impairment: Medico-Legal 'Sleeper.'" TRAUMA 3:5:1-2 (February 1962).

"Presenting the Medical Evidence: Lacerations with Scarring." TRAUMA 3:5:24-29 (February 1962).

"A Courtroom Demonstration Backfires." TRAUMA 3:6:1-3 (April 1962).

"A Medical Dictionary Written for Lawyers." TRAUMA 4:1:1-4 (June 1962).

"Presenting the Medical Evidence: Compression Spinal Fracture." TRAUMA 4:1:99-107 (June 1962).

"The Low Back." TRAUMA 4:2:1-3 (August 1962).

"Presenting the Medical Evidence: Male Sexual Impotence." TRAUMA 4:2:99-104 (August 1962).

"Translating the Medical Dialect." TRAUMA 4:3:1-4 (October 1962).

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"A Schizophrenic Plaintiff." TRAUMA 4:4:29-83 (December 1962).

"Proving Future Medical Expenses." TRAUMA 4:5:1-3 (February 1963).

"Cardiac Claims and Workmen's Compensation." TRAUMA 4:6:1-2 (April 1963).

"Perjured Medical Testimony." TRAUMA 5:1:1-3 (June 1963).

"Narcolepsy: A New Legal Entity?" TRAUMA 5:2:1-9 (August 1963).

"Determining Cause of Death." TRAUMA 5:3:1-2 (October 1963).

"Anatomy Lessons for Jurors." TRAUMA 5:4:1-2 (December 1963).

"Medical Progress." TRAUMA 5:5:1-2 (February 1964).

"X-Ray Confusion." TRAUMA 5:6:1-2 (April 1964).

"Medical Terminology." TRAUMA 6:2:1 (August 1964).

"The Real Lesson of Jack Ruby." TRAUMA 6:4:1-4 (December 1964).

"Bibliography--Insanity as a Criminal Defense." TRAUMA 6:4:269-286 (December 1964).

"Standard Nomenclature of Diseases and Operations." TRAUMA 6:5:1-2 (February 1965).

"Aspirin by Prescription." TRAUMA 6:6:1-2 (April 1965).

Publications: Articles in the Periodical Literature (cont.)

"Accidental Death by Choking." TRAUMA 7:1:1-2 (June 1965).

"Pain and Suffering." TRAUMA 7:2:1-2 (August 1965).

"The Medico-Legal Medical Report." TRAUMA 7:3:1-22 (October 1965).

"Work Stresses and Compensation." TRAUMA 7:4:1-2 (December 1965).

"The Clinical Laboratory: Slighted Tool of Proof." TRAUMA 7:5:1-2 (February 1966).

"Work Stresses and Compensation: A Continuum." TRAUMA 7:6:1-2 (April 1966).

"The Clinical Picture: Vital Tool of Medical Proof." TRAUMA 8:1:1-18 (June 1966).

"Why Not Share Your Courtroom Triumphs?" TRAUMA 8:2:1-2 (August 1966).

"Word Sources of Medical Terminology." TRAUMA 8:3:1-18 (October 1966).

"Presenting the Medical Evidence: Traumatic Arthritis." TRAUMA 8:3:65-73 (October 1966).

"Malingering: The Lawyer's Exclusive Problem." TRAUMA 8:4:1-17 (December 1966).

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November 21, 1980

Mr. Marshall Houts
Editor in Chief
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Dear Marshall,

This letter is in response to your written inquiry of October 14, and our discussion in Honolulu during the convention of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As I indicated to you, [redacted] as well as a [redacted] A preliminary search indicates that in addition to these, there are several other files containing information relating to your inquiry. b3 b7E

I had thought [redacted] could be furnished to you but have learned that copies of the above documents can be obtained only through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. For your convenience, I am enclosing information which explains how to submit such a request.

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Should you decide not to utilize FOIA access, it is possible that our Research Unit may be able to answer written questions posed by you. Such answers, of course, could contain no classified information nor personal data protected by the Privacy Act.

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I hope that the above information will be of assistance to you in your project.

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Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Houts is an ex-Agent (1941-1944) who served in SIS and has requested access to FBI documents on SIS. Response coordinated with [redacted] Assistant Section Chief, FOIA Branch of the Records Management Division who advised declassified FBI documents cannot be provided to authors except through FOIA. OCPA can answer written questions from authors but can release only documents in public domain. b6 b7C

August 30, 1977

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Mr. Marshall Houts
313 Emerald Bay
Laguna Beach, California 92651

Dear Marshall:

I received your letter and enclosure on August 19th and was pleased to hear from you. I have made plans to attend the former Special Agents' convention in Kansas City and hopefully will get to see you and other friends and associates there. b6 b7C

Your comments and observations concerning [redacted] have been added to his official applicant file, but I regret to state that we have not scheduled any New Agents' Classes until October, 1977. The size and frequency of the classes thereafter will depend on retirements and resignations, and as in the past, all appointments will be made on a highly competitive basis.

I have instructed one of my representatives of the Portland Field Office to contact [redacted] and explain the current vacancy situation, and also furnish him additional information concerning the Special Agent positon. You may be sure that his application will be given every consideration in line with his overall qualifications and our needs. b6 b7C

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: [redacted] applied for the SA position based on a [redacted] in [redacted] and experience as a [redacted] Applicant has not been interviewed, tested or investigated. Applicant will be processed under Phase III, which is scheduled to begin approximately 1/78.

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August 15, 1977

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Re: [redacted]
Special Agent Applicant

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Dear Clarence:

This [redacted] filed an application for appointment as Special Agent of the FBI on February 7, 1977. 67-112119-1

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He is a friend and former fellow-worker of one of [redacted] and in now employed as a [redacted] for the Federal Public Defender Section in Portland, Oregon.

I have visted with [redacted] and find him to be a good conversationalist, neat in personal appearance and highly intelligent. He is dedicated to his investigative work, and has a solid outlook on the Bureau and its many positive contributions to the growth and security of this country.

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[redacted] gives every impression of being the exact type of Special Agent applicant the Bureau is seeking; and I think you will do well to give him an interview and consider him seriously for your next new agent class.

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Hope to see you in Kansas City at the X-Agents Convention.

Best wishes, personally and professionally.

Sincerely yours,

Marshall Houts

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Mr. Marshall Houts
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Dear Marshall:

It was certainly thoughtful of you to write on December 18th and comment as you did about Harold Rubenstein. It sounds as if you had a wonderful trip to the Holy Land and I would like to see a copy of your book when it is completed.

It is such a pleasure to hear from former Agents and to know they are doing well. Thank you for taking the time to contact me and you may be sure Mr. Rubenstein shares my gratitude.

Sincerely,

Clarence Kelley

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NOTE: Mr. Houts is a former SA who served from 1941 to 1944. He is an SAC Contact of our Los Angeles Office.

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Marshall Houts

Re: Special Agent Harold Rubenstein
Legal Attache - Tel Aviv

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Dear Clarence:

I am just back from three weeks in Israel where I put the finishing touches on my research for a book I am writing on the trial of Jesus.

While there, I contacted Special Agent Harold Rubenstein, and had occasion to be with him around the Embassy on three separate visits. One of these included a meeting with Ambassador Kenneth Keating.

It was easy to see that Harold enjoys a relaxed and friendly rapport with everyone in the Embassy, from the Ambassador to the guards at the door and the drivers in the motor pool. All these people greeted him warmly and spontaneously as we moved among them; and I could tell that they genuinely respected him and were glad for the opportunity to say "Good morning, Harold" or "Hello, Mr. Rubenstein."

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I am certain that Harold Rubenstein is a credit to the Bureau in every way, and that he is a full-time "ambassador" for you and for law enforcement generally.

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All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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MR. MARSHALL W. HOUTS

Following a pre-employment investigation, Mr. Houts entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation October 20, 1941, as a Special Agent, Grade CAF 9, $3200 per annum. After a period of training, he performed investigative duties and for a time served in a confidential capacity outside the continental limits of the United States. He submitted his voluntary resignation effective December 30, 1943, to enter the U. S. Marine Corps. At the time of his separation, he was occupying the same position and grade.

Memorandum prepared for the Name Check Section for transmittal to the OSD.
K. J. Johnson

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Houts was a former Special Agent of the FBI from 10-20-41 to 12-30-43 when he voluntarily resigned to resume service with the U. S. Marine Corps. Our dealings with him have been most circumspect since Houts allegedly furnished misinformation to a professional mystery story writer which led that writer to be critical of the Bureau in a kidnaping case. In regard to dealings with Houts, the Director commented, "And we want none."

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June 10, 1969

Mr. Marshall Houts
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Dear Mr. Houts:

Your letter of June 4, 1969, with enclosure, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

In regard to your inquiry, the number of requests of a similar nature precludes the FBI from being of assistance on the matter you mention. I regret that we are unable to be of help on this occasion.

Sincerely, yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20035

MARSHALL HOUTS

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I write this letter only after long and serious deliberation. As an X-Agent, I am wholly cognizant of its implications. My timing is prompted by the tragic turn of events these past 3 weeks at Berkeley.

I have waited expectantly for a major magazine such as Look or Life to come with a definitive, serial presentation on campus violence, riots, confrontations and revolution. This article would name names, print pictures, and tie the guilt to the well-organized, powerful conspiracy that exists.

Obviously, I have waited in vain!

The tragedy of Berkeley is that the public, from one end of the country to the other, does not know the facts of the "Peoples Park" deliberately-provoked confrontation. The people have been completely misled by all the news media. Even moderates and level-headed citizens are now thinking in terms of anti-police, anti-law, and anti-government!

I fear that 95% of the conservative people with whom I have talked in the past week feel that the police went too far; they became the "aggressors"; "I can see why some of the kids call them 'pigs'!"

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This type of reaction from substantial citizens is tremendously disturbing; but they have seen and heard only the most biased and distorted view. When I explain to them what the facts are (as I understand them), they alter their stance 180 degrees and again become pro-police, the posture they want to retain, deep down inside.

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I am genuinely concerned that unless the true facts are laid on the line in one-two-three order immediately, respect for law, order, organized government, and especially the police, will fall to such a low ebb that we may never completely revive it.

This brings me to my proposition; and I repeat that as an X-Agent, I understand full-well what it implies. Desperate situations sometimes require non-conventional approaches.

If I had the hard facts, I could write a dramatic book that would expose the SDS-BSU-RU, and all other groups and individuals for the vicious, totalitarian conspiracy that they are maintaining. I write rapidly, once I have my materials assembled, so that this book could be ready for distribution in September, the beginning of the Fall book market.

These facts, of course, would have to come from the Bureau for the simple reason that there is no other comparable source. This, however, would not need to be disclosed.

In my opinion, this violent revolutionary conspiracy will never be stopped until its leaders, their strategy and tactics, their goals, and their time tables are exposed for all to see. Public opinion is now confused, almost to the point of being warped. The vast silent majority do not understand what is happening to the country, particularly its schools at all levels.

A powerful, hard-hitting, shocking, readable book of the type I envision will do more to turn our plunge around than any action any leader in government can take. The fact that no governmental agency is openly involved in the presentation will serve a subtle but important psychological purpose. The book will be far more effective than criminal prosecutions of a limited number of radical leaders who could end up as the martyred darlings of the vocal news media.

I am freightened over what is happening; and I'm sickened that the true facts are not being presented by anyone. This is the great tragedy of it all! The people will react correctly, once they know the facts; but they have to be given an even break on the news presentations before they can understand the facts.

I enclose a brochure that details my writing credits since I left the Bureau.

I will be happy to come to Washington to discuss this matter with you if you think it is meritorious.

My continued best wishes to you personally, and to the on-going success of the Bureau!

Sincerely yours,

Marshall Houts

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MARSHALL HOUTS

author of

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Other books:

FROM GUN TO GAVEL (1954)
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COURTROOM MEDICINE: DEATH (1964)
Matthew Bender & Company, New York
PHOTOGRAPHIC MISREPRESENTATION (1965)
Matthew Bender & Company, New York
LAWYERS' GUIDE TO MEDICAL PROOF (1967)
Matthew Bender & Company, New York
WHERE DEATH DELIGHTS: The Story of Forensic Medicine and Dr. Milton Helpern, Chief Medical Examiner, City of New York
Coward-McCann, Inc., New York (1967)

Other publications:

Creator and editor-in-chief of TRAUMA, a hard-cover, bi-monthly, medico-legal publication for lawyers. Now in its tenth year, TRAUMA has the largest circulation of any publication of its kind in the world.

Academic Appointments:

Visiting Professor, UCLA School of Law, teaching course called "Methods of Proof," (1954). This course explored an affirmative approach to evidence: how to convert evidence into proof. It dealt heavily with the investigation of death.

Professor of Criminal Law and Evidence, School of Police Administration, Michigan State University (1955-57).

Guest Lecturer:

Guest lecturer to two dozen State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Programs, at many large Universities, and to Police and Coroners and Medical Examiners groups on all phases of medical proof, including cause of death and manner of death.

Member Los Angeles County District Attorney's Select Committee on Vital Organ Transplantation:

Drafted new definition of death which is now being used unofficially by heart "transplant" surgeons in the United States.

Court of Last Resort:

Served as member and General Counsel to The Court of Last Resort. This was Erle Stanley Gardner's effort to stimulate public interest in all facets of the administration of justice by reopening cases of persons under life sentences for murder, who claimed they were innocent of the murder, and who were without money, lawyer, friends or hope. In this capacity, directed the investigation of 600 murder cases.

Judgeship:

Elected and served one term as Special Municipal Judge, Pipestone, Minnesota, 1947-1951.

Deputy Coroner:

Served as Deputy Coroner, Pipestone County, Minnesota, 1947-1951.

Private Practice of Law:

Member of law firm of Palmer & Houts, Pipestone, Minnesota, 1946-1951. Engaged in general practice of law.

World War II:

Special Agent, FBI, 1941-1944. Service in Washington, D.C., and Boston in this country. Served as under-cover agent in Rio de Janeiro; and as legal attache to the American Embassy in Havana, Cuba.

Member of OSS (Office of Strategic Services), 1944-46. Service with XV Indian Corps, West Burma campaign. Attached to British "V" Force, doing behind-the-lines combat intelligence work. Holder of two battle stars, one Bronze Arrowhead, and Presidential Unit Citation.

Education:

Arcadia High School, Lexington, North Carolina, 1935;

Brevard Junior College, Brevard, North Carolina, 1937, A.A.

School of Law, University of Minnesota, 1941, B.S.L.; J.D.

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Residence: 313 Emerald Bay, Laguna Beach, California 92651

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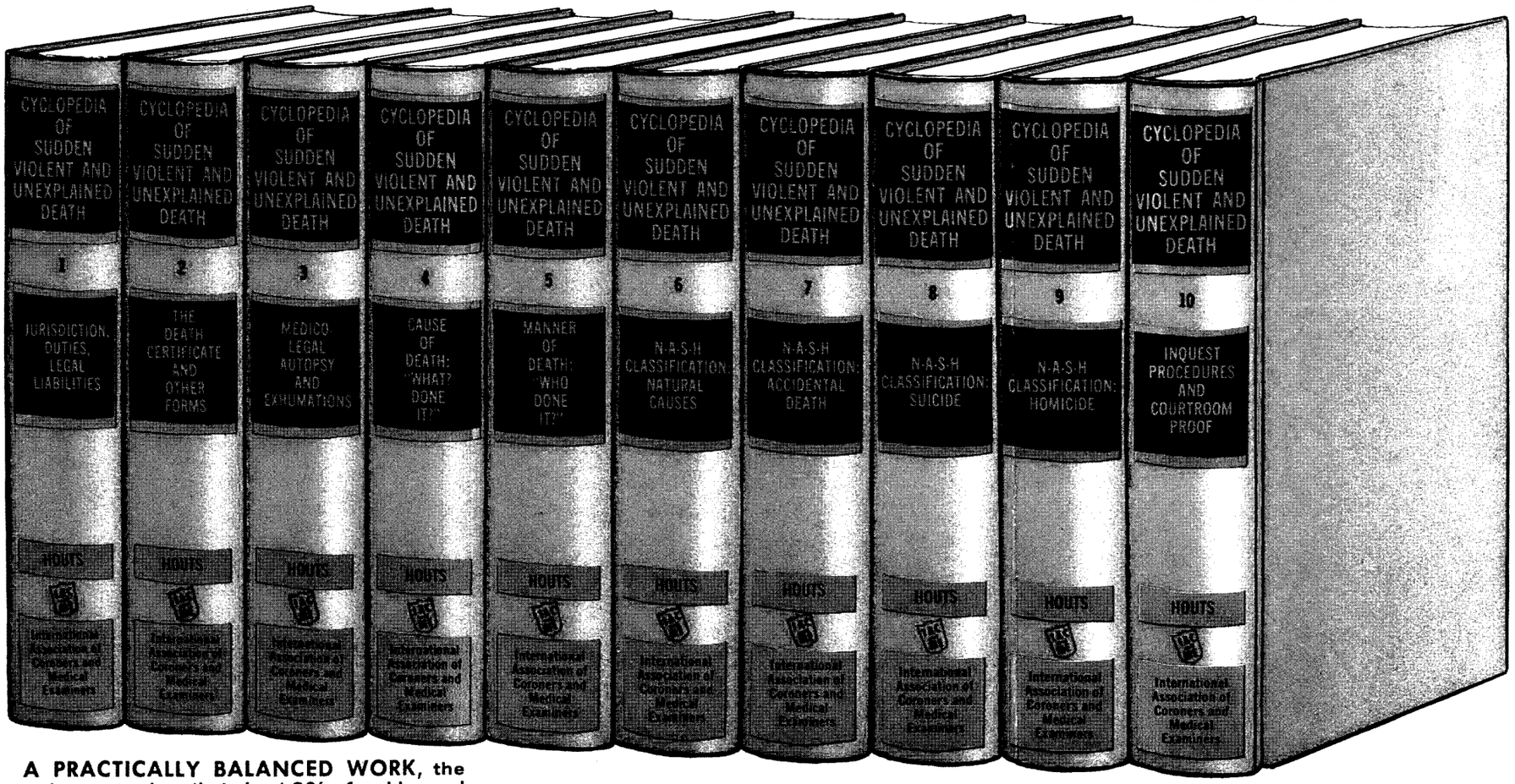

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December 31, 1968

Mr. Marshall Houts
313 Emerald Bay
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Dear Mr. Houts:

Mr. Hoover received your communication on December 26th and asked me to advise you that the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin is published primarily for law enforcement officers and is distributed free of charge. While we wish we could make the Bulletin available to all who express an interest in it, our budgetary limitations and the current demand for this magazine have made it necessary to restrict its distribution. He is sorry it will not be possible to grant your request.

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Sincerely yours,

(S) Helen W. Gandy

Helen W. Gandy
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Attention SAC: Correspondent's request for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin was submitted on a change of address form of a Bulletin sent to Mr. Thomas E. Heffernan, an Attorney at Law in Costa Mesa, California. Mr. Heffernan is a former Special Agent of the Bureau and is

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on the Special Correspondents List. Marshall Wilson Houts was employed by the Bureau as a Special Agent from 10-20-41 until he voluntarily resigned on 12-30-43. Our dealings with him have been most circumspect since 1959. At that time he was associated with the famed mystery writer Erle Stanley Gardner. They were critical of a Bureau kidnaping investigation and claimed that the convicted offender was actually innocent. This criticism was completely unfounded and Gardner retracted his complaints when confronted with the facts by Bureau officials. He indicated that the misconceptions he had in connection with this case were attributable to misinformation he had received from Houts.

NOTE: Marshall Wilson Houts was a Special Agent of the FBI from 10-20-41 to 12-30-43 when he voluntarily resigned to resume service with the U. S. Marine Corps. Subsequently, we had limited cordial correspondence with him and furnished him statistical data and reprint material for some of his writings. We have had no dealings with Houts since 1959 and the Director indicated that we should be most circumspect in our dealings with him. Bufiles contain no record regarding "Trauma" and no information could be located on this publication in the Bureau Library. (67-193260)

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Pathologist Raps Kennedy Autopsy

Marshall Wilson Houts

By Phil Casey
Washington Post Staff Writer

In a book just published, a world-famous pathologist who is also a leading authority on bullet wounds criticizes the autopsy performed on President Kennedy's body and says the Warren Commission erred in not calling afterwards for pathologists who have extensive experience with such wounds.

In essence, Dr. Milton Helpern, New York City's chief medical examiner, says this:

• No pathologist who specializes in forensic medicine and has extensive experience with bullet wounds took part in the autopsy. (Forensic medicine is that branch of medicine dealing with medical evidence in court trials or any step in the administration of justice).

• No such specialist was called by the Warren Commission to investigate the problem of the number of bullets and their paths through the bodies of the President and Gov. John B. Connally of Texas.

• If the Warren Commission been consulted, they might have clarified once and for all the question of the wounds of "entrance and exit" and the number of bullets that struck the two men.

• If the Warren Commission had called on such men, Helpern believes it might have been able to avoid "the aura of doubt and suspicion that has enveloped" its work and conclusions.

Career Account

The book is "Where Death Delights," an account of the career of the 65-year-old Helpern, regarded as a world leader in forensic medicine and the investigation of bullet wounds.

He was a key prosecution witness in the trial of Dr. Carl Coppolino, convicted earlier this year of poisoning his first wife. Coppolino was defended by fame defense attorney F. Lee Bailey.

Helpern, who has performed or directly supervised 60,000 autopsies, 10,000 of them involving bullet wounds, has been described in The New York Times as "Sherlock Holmes with a microscope," "one of the best medical detectives in the world," and the man who "knows more about violent death than anyone else in the country."

Author of the book is former FBI agent Marshall W. Houts, 48, lawyer and author of 10 books on medical-legal court evidence. He was associated years ago with mystery writer Erle Stanley Gardner in Gardner's famed Court of Last Resort, a private agency set up to help innocent men convicted of murder.

Periodical Publisher

Houts is publisher of "Trauma," a hard-cover, bimonthly legal periodical dealing with medical-legal evidence and claims for it the largest circulation—7000 lawyers, investigators and others—of any legal periodical. It sells for $40 a year.

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Author Houts, attending a recent convention of former FBI agents, sat in the Shoreham Hotel suite he shared with his wife and four of his seven children and talked about Helpern's criticisms of the medical aftermath of President Kennedy's assassination.

Helpern doesn't question the criminal investigation or its conclusions and he doesn't say the Warren Commission's medical conclusions are wrong, but he has his doubts.

He doubts strongly the Commission's conclusion that one of the two bullets that struck the President passed through his body and into Governor Connally's body.

Thus, he agrees with Governor Connally, who has insisted that he was struck by the second of three bullets fired and was not wounded by a bullet which struck the President first.

A Missing Bullet

Only two of the three bullets were found and it is Helpern's theory that the missing bullet is one that struck the Governor, went through his body, and got lost. The way of a bullet can be bizarre and to lose one that has wounded someone is not rare, Helpern said.

Of the Commission's conclusion that Connally was wounded by a bullet that passed through President Kennedy's body, Helpern has this to say:

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"This single bullet theory requires us to believe that this bullet went through seven layers of skin—tough, elastic, resistant skin. It passed through the back of the President's neck, then out through his throat; it entered the Governor's back and out through his chest; it next enterd the skin on the back of his wrist; it came out through the layer of skin on the inside of his wrist; and it apparently penetrated the layer of skin on his left thigh. In addition to these seven layers of tough human skin, this bullet passed through other layers of soft tissue, and then these shattered bones!

"I just can't believe that this bullet had the force to do what Mr. Specter (Assistant Counsel Arlen Specter) and the Commission have demanded of it . . ."

Skin Resistance

And Helpern also says: ". . . Mr. Specter and the Commission have asked too much from this bullet. You must remember that next to bone, the skin offers the greatest resistance to a bullet in its course through the body than any other kind of tissue. The energy of the bullet is sometimes so spent that it can't quite get out through the final layer of skin and it comes to rest just beneath the outside layer of skin. If it does get through the skin, it may not have enough energy to penetrate even an undershirt or a light cotton blouse. It has exhausted itself and just more or less plops to a stop."

Helpern pointed out also that the bullet alleged to have done all this wasn't distorted in any way" and lost only a fraction of its original weight.

"I cannot believe," he said, "that this bullet is going to emerge miraculously unscathed, without any deformity and with its lands and grooves intact."

Though it may be too late to do anything, Helpern said, he suggested that X-rays and photos of the President's body, which are now closeted in the National Archives, be examined by specialists in forensic medicine who have had much experience with gunshot wounds. He suggested also that Dr. Russell Fisher, Maryland medical examiner, be one of these.

Experts Not Used

At one point in the chapter dealing with this subject, Helpern says:

"The tragic thing is that a greatly loved President was not given the same type of expert medical attention and medical respect in death that he received in life. When he was having his back problems, he properly consulted the leading experts in the field of orthopedic surgery; but, you see, in death, the task of evaluating his bullet wounds was not given to experienced experts in this field. It was still the old saw that an autopsy is an autopsy is an autopsy and anyone can do it, particularly so long as he is a general or 'hospital' pathologist."

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 10/10/67

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MARSHALL WILSON HOUTS
AUTHOR OF "WHERE DEATH DELIGHTS"

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the Director's request, files have been reviewed concerning Houts.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Marshall Wilson Houts was a Special Agent of the FBI from August 20, 1941, to December 30, 1943, when he voluntarily resigned to resume service with the United States Marine Corps. His services were entirely satisfactory.

Houts was born June 28, 1919, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was graduated in 1941 with a LL. B. degree from the University of Minnesota. In June of 1941, he entered the United States Marine Corps and later that year entered the Bureau as an Agent. Since leaving the FBI, Houts has authored a number of books dealing with investigative and legal topics. In 1954, he served as counsel for the "Court of Last Resort Department" of Argosy magazine and in 1956 and 1957 he was an Assistant Professor of Police Administration at Michigan State University. Until 1959, we had cordial limited relations with Houts and furnished him with statistical data and reprinted material for some of his writings. However, in that year Houts and famed mystery writer Erle Stanley Gardner, with whom he was then associated, criticized a Bureau kidnaping investigation claiming that the convicted offender was actually innocent. Their criticism was completely unfounded and Gardner retracted his complaints when confronted with the facts by Bureau officials. We have had no recent dealings with Houts.

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RE: MARSHALL WILSON HOUTS

Captioned book by Houts contains no criticism of the FBI. It does, however, express the opinion of Dr. Milton Helpern, Chief Medical Examiner for the city of New York, that the autopsy performed on the body of former President Kennedy following his assassination was inadequate and has left doubts and suspicions concerning some conclusions made by the Warren Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For the Director's information.

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Director, FBI (1-1152-18)

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Reurlet 9/1/67, regarding Marshall Houts.

According to information in Bureau files, Marshall Wilson Houts, who was born 6/28/19, served as a Bureau Agent from 10/20/41 to 12/30/43, when he voluntarily resigned to reenter the U. S. Marine Corps. His services were generally satisfactory. Houts received a Law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1941 and in June, 1941, he entered the Officers Candidate School of the Marine Corps and in September of that year he requested his discharge. In 1954 Houts was furnished some slides on the FBI Laboratory for use in a course he was teaching at the University of California Law School. Also, in 1954, Houts was counsel for the "Court of Last Resort Department" of Argosy magazine. The alleged purpose of the Court was "to better the administration of justice" by providing investigative and legal assistance in worthy cases where it is believed that an injustice may have been done. In 1956, Houts wrote a book "From Evidence to Proof," which was described as a searching analysis of methods to establish facts. In 1957, Houts, then an Associate Professor of Police Administration at Michigan State University, praised "The FBI Story" as a factual account, during a panel forum.

In 1959, Houts was associated with Erle Stanley Gardner at the time Gardner was interviewed at my instruction to clear up certain derogatory statements and innuendoes concerning the FBI which were in letters he had directed to me several months previously regarding an investigation by Bureau. Gardner apologized and retracted his statements. The Bureau official handling interview obtained the impression that many of Gardner's

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misconceptions about the Bureau were attributable to misinformation he had received from Houts, who was present during the interview. I instructed that Houts be dealt with circumspectly in the future.

You will be advised separately concerning any observations regarding the snifferscope.

NOTE: In attached letter Honolulu advises that Houts, described as a former FBI Agent, is conducting a 30-hour course on developments in criminal law for Honolulu police. Houts was quoted as mentioning that private industry is beginning to pool its information in research to help law enforcement obtain evidence, and one example is the snifferscope, originally developed by private industry for use in Vietnam to help soldiers detect the presence of human beings. Honolulu requests information concerning Houts and inquires whether his comments concerning the snifferscope are accurate.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 7-31-67

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON BOOK "WHERE DEATH DELIGHTS" BY MARSHALL HOUTS

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BACKGROUND:

By letter dated July 19, 1967, Mr. John J. Geoghegan, President, Coward-McCann, Inc., Publishers, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, requested that the Director furnish comments on the book "Where Death Delights:" Adventures in Courtroom Medicine by Marshall Houts. A set of advance bound galleys was furnished the Bureau. The book is the story of Doctor Milton Helpern, the Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning John J. Geoghegan. There has been limited contact of a non derogatory nature with the firm Coward-McCann, Inc., and there has been limited cordial correspondence with Dr. Milton H. Helpern.

Marshall Wilson Houts was a Special Agent of the FBI from August 20, 1941, to December 30, 1943, when he voluntarily resigned to resume service with the Marine Corps. Since his resignation, we have furnished various statistical data and color slides which he used in articles and lectures. In September, 1956, the Director approved a memorandum regarding Marshall Houts being dealt with circumspectly in the future. This action was the result of Mr. Houts' conduct which caused a reinvestigation of a kidnaping case involving Marion Isom Bowling who succeeded in convincing Earl Stanley Gardner of his innocence. The reinvestigation developed no basis for believing the innocence of Bowling and the rehearing of the case was denied.

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M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo

RE: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON BOOK
"WHERE DEATH DELIGHTS"

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Mr. Houts goes into detail concerning the opinions of Dr. Helpern on the autopsy conducted on President Kennedy following his assassination. His criticism is basically that the three doctors selected were not qualified to conduct an autopsy involving bullet wounds. He mentioned that the FBI did a commendable job on other phases of the investigation and concerning the autopsy the FBI could only report information furnished by the doctors.

The only other mention of the FBI concerns the Identification Division Disaster Squad which cooperated with New York authorities in identifying the victims of a plane crash in Jamaica Bay, New York on 3-1-62.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to Mr. Geoghegan.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TAMM

DATE: November 19, 1959

FROM : MR. J. F. MALONE

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SUBJECT: MARSHALL HOUTS
FORMER FBI AGENT

Marshall Houts, former Agent and presently an associate of Erle Stanley Gardner, called on the telephone this morning and asked me to go to lunch with him. He stated he had attended the Ex-FBI Agents meeting at Dallas and had made a trip to New York. He stated he was returning to California by way of Washington. He expected to be here a few hours and hoped he could have lunch with me.

You will recall that during my recent interview with Erle Stanley Gardner, at which Marshall Houts was present, I got the definite impression that many of the misconceptions of the Bureau which existed in the mind of Gardner were directly attributable to misinformation he had received from Houts. This raised a serious doubt in my mind as to Houts' loyalty to the Bureau.

Because of this I did not feel I wanted to have lunch with Houts. The invitation was declined.

RECOMMENDATION:

None . . . . informative.

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Mr. Marshall Houts
6361 Shoup Avenue
Woodland Hills, California

Dear Mr. Houts:

Many thanks for your thoughtful telegram of October 22 relative to the "Ma Barker" story on "The Untouchables" production last night. I certainly concur with your observations on the distortion of facts portrayed on this show. For your information, last night's program was prepared without the knowledge, cooperation or approval of the FBI. Upon learning of its existence, the FBI lodged a vigorous protest and insisted upon the insertion of a disclaimer clearly pointing out the misrepresentation of facts. I thought you would like to know further that future scheduled programs on other famous FBI cases have been cancelled. Elliott Ness, of course, was never a member of the FBI.

I am indeed grateful for your encouragement and deeply appreciate your splendid support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Houts is a former Bureau SA who EOD 10-20-41 and resigned 12-30-43 while in CAF-10 at Boston. His personnel file was satisfactory and there has been subsequent limited cordial correspondence with him.

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J EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U S DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHDC

I HAVE JUST WATCHED THE STORY OF MA BARKER ON THE UNTOUCHABLES ABC TELEVISION. WHILE I AM MORE OR LESS ANESTHETIZED BY HOLLYWOODS RUN OF THE MILL OF ABSURDITIES I FEEL THAT THIS PEISODE REFLECTS ADVERSELY ON THE FBI. THE CURSERY REMARKS OF THE NARRATOR AT THE CONCLUSION ARE NOT PALIATIVE TO PERMIT ELIOTT NESS TO POSE AS THE GREAT GOVERNMENT AGENCY WITHOUT ANY CENSORSHIP OR CONTROL AND TO ASSUME CREDIT FOR THE BARKER CASE AND PERHAPS IN THE FUTURE TO REPRESENT ALL FBI AGENTS COULD RESULT IN A LOSS OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE FBI AND THE DISADVANTAGES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES GENERALLY. KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS

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I certainly agree with above views. H.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: September 18, 1959

FROM : MR. Q. TAMM

SUBJECT: FOSTER LOUIS BOWEN
MARION ISOM BOWLING
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SYNOPSIS

Erle Stanley Gardner interviewed at Rancho Del Paisano, Temecula, California, on September 14, 1959. Gardner advised conference at specific instruction of Mr. Hoover to clear up certain derogatory statements and uncomplimentary inuuendos concerning the FBI which were contained in letters he directed to Mr. Hoover in June and July, 1959. Gardner stated no criticism intended in his letters and that any criticism or inuuendos, if such were made, could be considered retracted. Gardner added, however, that he did not recall making statements of this nature, but when they were read to him, he stated that at the time he was mad because he felt that the reinvestigation which resulted from letters directed to Mr. Hoover by Gardner and Marshall Houts (counsel for Court of Last Resort and former FBI Agent) in March and June, 1954, was intended to be a complete reinvestigation of the entire case. Gardner advised that such a conclusion on his part was difficult to understand in view of fact that only certain specific questions were raised and these were answered. Any conclusion as to the extensiveness of the investigation was erroneously made by him. He admitted a mistake and stated he intended to apologize to the Director. Gardner then stated that inasmuch as he made a blanket retraction of any criticism he may have made of the Bureau, he did not feel it necessary to discuss the allegations point by point. Inspector Malone, during the conference with Gardner, insisted, however, to be sure that there would be no doubt in Gardner's mind in regard to the points raised. Gardner then agreed and a thorough discussion was had of each point.

Gardner later in a letter he wrote to Bowling asking him to take a lie detector test comments that his letter was written after a long session with Inspector Malone and Special Agent A. K. Law of the FBI. He states, "We have thrashed this case up one side and down the other. We haven't minced any words; we haven't pulled any punches. I am assured that the FBI is making and has made a thoroughly complete investigation of everything they can get hold of in this case which offers any kind of a lead in regard to your innocence or guilt. Their findings are being presented to the proper authorities." Gardner asked if

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there was anything in FBI files about Bowling's innocence or guilt that he knew nothing about. He was advised that we had no idea what his files contained, and he was not authorized to know what ours contained; consequently, his question could not be properly answered. He could not understand why he could not review FBI reports. He was advised that FBI reports are available to only certain authorized persons and he was not one of them. He stated he was thinking about getting permission of Congress to review the reports so that he could make a final determination of Bowling's innocence or guilt. He was told that this was his prerogative, but it was difficult to understand how he felt he could place his judgment of the case above that of the courts of the land. He answered by stating he did not feel that the evidence in the case was properly presented to the courts.

Gardner cordial and hospitable. Expressed greatest admiration for Director and Bureau. Most difficult to interview. Appears to be possessed of a disjointed personality. He makes conflicting statements saying whatever comes to his mind at the moment. He is capricious, wasting time talking about himself and his opinions while he refuses to get down to facts. This, coupled with his intense egotism, makes him utterly intolerant of accepting any facts which might deprive him of his deeply rooted feeling of Bowling's innocence. Marshall Houts' loyalty to Bureau doubtful. Should be treated circumspectly.

It was pointed out to Gardner that whoever did his research work in the Hankins bank robbery case in which he criticized the Bureau, did not do a very thorough job because if he had he would have found that all information was turned over to the defense attorney and not held by the FBI as alleged. Gardner said "you are looking at the man who made the investigation," and pointed to Houts. He told Houts to be more thorough in the future and Houts said nothing.

Discussion with Gardner believed well worth while, if only to straighten out his thinking in regard to Bureau jurisdiction and operations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Investigative Division continue to closely follow developments in this case.

Memo for Mr. Tolson
Re: Foster Louis Bowen

2. That Marshall Houts be dealt with circumspectly in the future.

3. Mr. Gardner also wrote a letter to Mr. Hoover in which he expressed an apology for an erroneous impression he had concerning the 1954 investigation of the Bowling case by the FBI. No acknowledgment of this letter appears necessary inasmuch as it was dictated in the presence of Malone. Therefore, recommended that no such acknowledgment be made.

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I suggest any further correspondence from Gardner in this case be referred to the US Attorney — Lamar and that we do nothing more

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TAMM

DATE: November 4, 1959

FROM : MR. J. F. MALONE

SUBJECT: FOSTER LOUIS BOWEN
MARION ISOM BOWLING
[redacted] VICTIM
KIDNAPING; IMPERSONATION

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By memorandum dated September 18, 1959, from Mr. Tamm to Mr. Tolson, captioned as above, one of the recommendations approved by the Director was to the effect that Marshall Houts, an attorney and former FBI Agent now associated with Erle Stanley Gardner, be dealt with circumspectly in the future. This information was based on the fact that during the recent interview of Mr. Gardner, at which Houts was present, a serious doubt was created in my mind with regard to Houts' loyalty to the Bureau based on questions he asked, comments he made, and comments made by Gardner wherein he attributed certain of his feelings and thoughts with regard to the FBI directly to Houts.

It is noted that a copy of the synopsis of the memorandum of September 18 was not designated for Houts' personnel file for future reference.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this matter be referred to the Records and Communications Division so that the recommendation in the memorandum of September 18 in regard to Marshall Houts, as approved by the Director, will be made a part of Houts' personnel file in the Bureau for future reference.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 1, 1959

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: FOSTER LOUIS BOWEN;
MARION ISOM BOWLING;
[redacted] - VICTIM
KIDNAPING; IMPERSONATION

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In answer to the Director's inquiry, the following information is contained in Bureau files concerning Marshal Wilson Houts and Park Street.

Houts was born 6/28/19 and graduated in 1941 with an LL.B. degree from the University of Minnesota. In June, 1941, he entered the Officers Candidate School of the United States Marine Corps, and in September of that year he requested his discharge. On 10/20/41, he entered on duty as a Special Agent, FBI, and served satisfactorily until he voluntarily resigned 12/30/43, to re-enter the Marine Corps. The Bureau has had limited cordial correspondence with Houts and has furnished him numerous publications concerning the work of the FBI. In 1954 he was furnished slides for use in a law school course he was teaching at the University of California, at Los Angeles. In 1954, Houts was counsel for the "Court of Last Resort Department" of Argosy magazine. The alleged purpose of the court was to "better the administration of justice" by providing investigative and legal assistance in worthy cases where it is believed that an injustice may have been done. In 1956, Houts, Michigan State University, wrote a book "From Evidence to Proof" described as a searching analysis of methods to establish fact. In 1957, Houts, Associate Professor of Police Administration, Michigan State University, in a panel forum praised "The FBI Story" as a factual account.

[redacted] that he was born in 1909 and received an LL.B. degree from the University of Oklahoma. Street is reportedly independently wealthy and has prominent clients in his law practice at San Antonio, Texas. [redacted] Park Street as of April, 1957.

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Chairman of the Texas Law Enforcement foundation which was formed as a nonprofit corporation in July, 1955, to assist local law enforcement in any way possible. In 1955 Street visited the Bureau concerning the foundation and attempted to obtain the Director's participation at the Attorney General's Conference on Law Enforcement in Austin, Texas, in March, 1956. This was declined but the Bureau has subsequently had cordial correspondence with the foundation.

Street has not been the subject of any investigation by the FBI. The above information has been furnished by the San Antonio Office at various times.

March 14, 1957

Mr. Marshall Houts
Associate Professor of
Police Administration
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Houts:

I have had the opportunity of reading the article entitled "FBI Book Analyzed" which appeared in the February 28, 1957, issue of "The State Journal," and I want you to know that I appreciate your contribution to the panel forum discussion on Don Whitehead's book. Those of us in this Bureau sincerely believe "The FBI Story" is by far the best account yet published on our organization, and you may be assured we are grateful for your support.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Marshall Houts EOD 10-20-41 as Special Agent, resigned 12-30-43, last assignment Boston, GS-10. Personnel file satisfactory. We have had limited cordial correspondence with Houts. 1956 Lansing telephone directory reveals Houts to live in Okemos, a small community near Lansing, but does not furnish a specific address, therefore, address taken from newspaper article.

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FBI Book Analyzed

Panel Members Express Different Opinions in Discussion Here

A Civil Liberties Union spokesman Wednesday night criticized as "entirely laudatory" the recent best selling book "The FBI Story" while a second member of a panel discussnig the book praised it as "a factual account."

Panel members in a forum sponsored by the local B'nai B'rith group at Shaarey Zedek temple were Orion Ulrey, local chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union and professor of agricultural economics at Michigan State university; Marshall Houts, a former FBI agent and now associate professor of police administration at M. S. U., and Mrs. V. A. Stehman, member of the League of Women Voters.

The book, which was carried recently in instalments in The State Journal, zoomed to the best seller list soon after publication late in 1956.

Prof. Ulrey said the author skirted problems of the FBI and its relation to human rights.

He cited a newspaper account of a speech made recently by J. Edgar Hoover in which the FBI director attacked "pseudo liberals" as the "ready tools of the Communist conspiracy."

Ulrey said he thought the FBI has found it difficult to find a difference between Reds and plain liberals.

"Anyway, I wish Mr. Hoover would stop making speeches of that nature," he said.

Otherwise, he had praise for the book and said that the FBI has won praise in the past from the C. L. U.

Prof. Houts, an FBI agent from 1941 to 1944, said the book was factual.

He said FBI agents are well grounded in human rights even while attending the bureau's training school.

"About three weeks of the training are devoted to learning about rights of individuals," he said.

He called the book a tribute to the bureau's director and the men under him.

Mrs. Stehman said the book was "well-timed" for public consumption.

"The FBI is entrusted with the protection of American citizens from attack from within and from without," she said.

"Now is a good time for the publication of this book. The record of the FBI speaks for itself. It (the book) is the best answer to falsehoods, half-truths and rumors spread by Communists," she said.

"The FBI Story" was written by Don Whitehead, an Associated Press writer who supposedly had access to bureau files in compiling data for the work. His book has been described as a definitive study of the nation's top investigative body.

The forum, second in a series sponsored by B'nai B'rith group, draw about 125 persons. Rabbi Philip Frankel was moderator.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

November 21, 1956

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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
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The attached was sent to the Director by Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, Springfield, Illinois.

It is noted that on the first page a description is given of book "From Evidence to Proof," by Marshall Houts in which it is stated Houts is a former Special Agent of the FBI. We have had limited cordial correspondence with Houts and have furnished him numerous publications concerning the work of the FBI. He entered on duty as a Special Agent 10/20/41 and resigned 12/30/43. His services were satisfactory.

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Mr. Marshall Houts
2824 South Colby Avenue
Los Angeles 64, California

Dear Mr. Houts:

Your letter of April 12, 1955, has been received.

In response to your request, I am enclosing the 1953 annual and the 1954 semiannual Uniform Crime Reports bulletins. These publications contain some data relative to your inquiry, especially the 1954 semiannual bulletin, beginning on page forty-four. I do hope this information will be of help in the preparation of your book.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1953 Annual issue of the UCR bulletin.
1954 Semiannual issue of the UCR bulletin.

TEDeLoa We have had limited cordial correspondence with Houts, and have furnished him numerous publications concerning the work of the FBI. We have had cordial relations with Argosy; however, Bufiles reflect that the September, 1954, issue of this magazine carried an article entitled "Wire Tappers on the Make" by William Fairfield. This article contained unflattering references to the FBI, and Fairfield has written other articles for other publications also unflattering to the Bureau. (94-34360-14)

Marshall Houts EOD 10-20-41 as SA, resigned 12-30-43, last assignment Boston, GS 10. Personnel file satisfactory.

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April 12, 1955

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate very much your furnishing me with the following crime statistics if they are available:

The percentage of persons brought to trial for known murder offenses - out of every 100 known murders, the number of persons tried for them. Also, out of every 100 known murders, the number of persons who actually serve time in prison.

I would also like to have this information on other crimes if it is available.

The statistics will be used in a forthcoming book and the FBI will be cited in it.

Very truly yours,

Marshall Houts

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 22, 1954

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: MARSHALL W. HOUTS
Former Special Agent
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On September 20, 1954, Inspector ROY E. BLICK, Metropolitan PD, advised he had received a letter from a former Agent who stated he is now a teacher in the law school of the University of California and indicated to Inspector BLICK that he expected to be on the East Coast shortly and desired to spend two or three days with him to discuss problems of a mutual interest. Inspector BLICK stated from the tone of the letter, it would appear HOUTS is preparing some type of thesis in connection with law enforcement work.

The foregoing is submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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M. A. Jones

FOSTER LOUIS BOWEN; MARION ISOM BOWLING;
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On March 29, 1954, the Bureau received a letter concerning captioned matter from one Marshall W. Houts, a former Special Agent who is now the counsel for the "Court of Last Resort Department" of Argosy magazine, a publication with which the Bureau has had cordial relations. Houts indicated he had received information with respect to Marion Bowling, one of the two subjects involved in captioned case, to the effect that Bowling, subsequent to his conviction and sentencing, had claimed his complete innocence of the crime and further stated he had been miles away from the scene of the crime at the time it allegedly occurred. Houts said he wished to notify the Bureau, feeling that a great public service could be performed which would enhance the position of the Bureau if this matter were explored and substantiated or refuted. Houts further stated that Erle Stanley Gardner, prominent detective fiction writer, was connected with the "Court of Last Resort" and that he would write an article concerning any action taken by the Bureau which would certainly add to the Bureau's prestige in either attempting to prove a man innocent after his conviction or at least in displaying a fair sense of justice in running out any logical leads in such a matter.

It should be noted that the subjects in this case were tried in U. S. District Court, Ada, Oklahoma, on March 4, 1947, at which time Bowen pleaded guilty and Bowling pleaded not guilty. Both were found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment on April 14, 1947.

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In view of the contents of Mr. Houts' letter the Bureau instructed that an intensive investigation be conducted by the Portland, Dallas, Kansas City and Oklahoma City Offices in order to either substantiate or refute the new alibi claimed by subject Bowling. This investigation, which included a reinterview of both subjects, failed to produce or develope any evidence to substantiate Bowling's claim that he was innocent of the crime for which he was convicted. It is further noted that the original investigation had produced several individuals as witnesses who placed subject Bowling at the scene of the crime without question.

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Mr. Houts was advised in general of the results of the Bureau's reinvestigation by a personal contact made with him by Special Agents. He was thanked for his interest in calling this

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matter to the Bureau's attention. He, in turn, was highly complimentary of the action taken in this matter by the Bureau, particularly noting that the Bureau saw fit to conduct additional investigation after a lapse of several years in light of new information in an effort to prove conclusively whether or not a man was innocent even though he had been afforded a fair trial.

Houts indicated he believes this fact should be brought to the attention of the American people and that he intends to seek the Bureau's permission to publish these facts. (7-4514)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for information only.

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March 2, 1954

Mr. Marshall W. Houts
475 South 90th East Avenue
Tulsa 16, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Houts:

Your letter dated February 23, 1954, has been received.

While we do not have immediately availgble the material you desire, it will be a pleasure to have some slides prepared which I hope you will find useful in connection with your work. The slides will be forwarded to you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC- Los Angeles, with copy of incoming

CC- Mr. Tamm, with copy of incoming

NOTE: Mr. Houts, EOD as SA, 10-20-41; resigned on 12-30-43 to enter the Maring Corps. GS-10; last efficiency report rating "good." Laboratory Division advised that it will be possible to prepare some new slides from slides presently being used, and that they will be sent unmounted to Mr. Houts.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just signed a contract to teach a course in the Law School of the University of California at Los Angeles which for want of a better name will be called "Methods of Proof". We think it involves some constructive pioneering in the field of legal education; and if it proves successful, it may be widely copied in other law schools throughout the country.

Every law school, of course, teaches a course on the law of evidence; but none that we know of teaches anything about finding evidence or goes into the scientific aids available to attorneys to assist them in proving their cases. In this respect, the legal profession has failed to keep abreast of the many scientific advances which have been made over the past several years.

In this course, I plan to go into such things as documents, handwriting and lettering, mechanical impression, photographic evidence, methods of detecting deception, chemistry and physics in fact finding, blood chemistry, tool marks, ballistics, fingerprints, etc. Of course, no effort will be made to make any one an expert in any one of these fileds. We can only hope to arouse the interests of the students, lawyers and judges taking the course so that they will appreciate what can be done in the way of scientific fact finding.

There is no doubt that that the casue of justice and law enforcement generally can be better served if attorneys and judges are made aware of some of the possibilities in this field of fact finding. We hope to make a start in this direction in the UCLA course.

I am wondering if it would be possible to obtain from the Bureau a large number of slides and illustrative lecture materials for use in this course. Some thing of this nature will be almost imperative if the students are to be shown what can be done, for example, in the field of documents or ballistics. I don't thing the possibilities in these various fields can be put acrosss without illustrative materials.

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As a former Special Agent, I of course appreciate the Bureau's policies regarding the handling of information and publicity and the reason behind these policies. I believe, however, that permitting the use of slides and illustrative materials in a course of this nature would insure to the Bureau's benefit. The Bureau's capabilities and intergrity and interest and leadership in finding facts will constantly be in front of the class - many of whom will probably be prosecutors and public officials later on.

I would certainly appreciate your careful consideration of this request as would my associates. I think we have an opportunity to make a contribution to the field of jurisprudence in this course of instruction and at the same time arouse a lot of interest in and respect for the Bureau by presenting it as the greatest fact-finding organization in the world which all ex-agents firmly believe.

My be personal wishes.

Very truly yours,

/s/ marshall Houts

Marshall W. Houts

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August 21, 1952

Mr. Marshall Houts
Service Manager
Standard Mortgage Company
512 South Cheyenne
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Houts:

Your letter dated August 14, 1952, has been received, and I certainly appreciate your remembering my Thirty-fifth Anniversary with the Department of Justice.

In accordance with your request, it is indeed a pleasure to send you under separate cover a copy of the FBI seal in color, which is suitable for framing.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC - Mr. M. A. Jones
UNDER SEPARATE COVER MATERIAL:
1 21x24 FBI seal (colored).

NOTE: Marshall Wilson Houts EOD 10-21-41 as SA and resigned 12-30-43 to enter the Marine Corps. His last efficiency report was GOOD and at the time of his resignation, he was CAF-10, $3500. (67-193260)

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August 14, 1952

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a former Special Agent of the Bureau, I would like very much to have one of the colored shields of the FBI, suitable for framing, which I can hang in my office.

As time goes by, I appreciate more and more the high privilege it was to be associated with you and the other outstanding men in the Bureau.

Please accept my belated congratulations to you on your 35th anniversary with the Department.

If at any time I can be of any service to the Bureau, I trust that you or any agent will feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Marshall Houts

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(Service Manager)

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Prepared by
Checked by
Filed by

May 7, 1952

Mr. C. R. Judson
Personnel Department
Foley Brothers, Incorporated
Pleasantville, New York

Dear Mr. Judson:

Receipt is acknowledged of your inquiry dated April 30, 1952, regarding Mr. Marshall Wilson Houts.

In reply, please be advised Mr. Houts was employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent from October 20, 1941, to December 30, 1943, when he submitted his voluntary resignation. His services were considered satisfactory and nothing of a derogatory nature was known concerning his character or integrity during the period in which he was an employee of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FOLEY BROTHERS, INC.
Constructors
Pleasantville, New York April 30, 1952

APPLICANT HOUTS, MARSHALL WILSON

S.S. # 387-16-2897

CRAFT SECURITY OFFICER

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We are considering the above for a position as stated on heavy industrial work, concrete forms, etc. on a construction contract in Chile, South America. He reports that he has worked for you from 10/41 to 12/43 as a Special Agent XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX at Washington and Boston offices and Rio de Janeiro and Havana.

In view of the remote location of the place of work, and the considerable investment involved in processing and transportation, it is extremely important that the man's qualifications be correctly evaluated.

We are enclosing a stamped envelope addressed to our office for your reply. All information given will be kept strictly confidential.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter and trusting we may be able to reciprocate sometime, we are

Very truly yours,

FOLEY BROTHERS, INC.

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Compliance Enforcement Division
War Assets Administration
Consolidated Vultee Building
Nashville, 1, Tennessee
September 21, 1946

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: Marshall W. Houts,
Request for Letter Showing
Service with FBI as Special Agent

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to my letter to you on September 6, 1946, in which I requested a letter from you showing my dates of employment with the FBI as a Special Agent. As was stated in the reference letter, my reason for desiring this letter from you is the fact that I am attempting to gain admission to the bar of the State of Minnesota. Under a rule of the Supreme Court of Minnesota, if a graduate of the Law School of the University of Minnesota entered any branch of the armed services or was employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation prior to the time that he had an opportunity to take the Minnesota Bar Examination, such graduate may be admitted to the Minnesota Bar on motion without the necessity of having to take the bar examination.

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Again, I request a letter from you showing my period of service with the FBI as a Special Agent from October 20, 1941, to December 30, 1943. The letter should also state that my seperation from the FBI was by voluntary resignation which was excepted without prejudice.

In as much as I hope to have my admission to the Minnesota Bar moved around the first of October, I would appreciate it very much if this letter from you could be sent at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Marshall W. Houts

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September 26, 1946

Mr. Marshall W. Houts
424 Murfreesboro Road
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Houts:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 6, 1946, in which you request a statement concerning your employment with this Bureau for your use in qualifying for admission to the Bar of the State of Minnesota.

In this connection, you are advised that you entered on duty in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, as a Special Agent on October 20, 1941, and were employed in that capacity until December 30, 1943, when your voluntary resignation was accepted.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Compliance Enforcement Division
War Assets Administration
Consolidated Vultee Building
Nashville, 1, Tennessee
September 6, 1946

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Personnel Director

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am attempting to qualify for admission to the Bar of the State of Minnesota. I find that I need a certificate which will accompany my application which will show that I was employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from October 20, 1941 to December 31, 1943. The certificate should also show that my resignation was voluntary and that I was seperated from the FBI without prejudice.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would furnish me with such a certificate as your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,
Marshall W. Houts
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Marshall W. Houts

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EMPLOYEE: SA Houts, Marshall W. E.O.D. 19 10-20-41 DIV.

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ACC. SICK 14-2-29 ADV. SICK INDIVIDUAL RECORD OF ABSENCE FOR THE YEAR OF 1943

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO: W. R. GLAVIN

FROM: J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: JOHN ALOYSIUS KLAUER, JR.
DONALD L. NICHOLSON
MARSHALL HOUTS
Former Special Agents

The service records of the above-named former Special Agents were furnished to Mr. Leo Laughlin of the War Assets Administration on May 6, 1946. Mr. Laughlin was informed that the service records on Nicholson and Houts were satisfactory; however, with respect to Klauer, the Bureau could not recommend him due to the fact that his record was less than average and that when he resigned to go into the Army it was felt he was no great loss.

The foregoing is submitted for record purposes.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. GLAVIN

DATE: April 16, 1946

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: MARSHALL W. HOUTS
LEO F. THOMPSON
Former Special Agents

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ellis
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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On 4/10/46 Mr. H. L. Edwards of the Personnel Unit furnished the service records on the two captioned employees to former Special Agent Carl H. King, now with the War Assets Administration, who advised that they were considering these two men for positions with War Assets.

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This is submitted for record purposes only.

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MARSHALL W. HOUTS
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FIELD FIREARMS AND SCIENTIFIC TRAINING RECORD

OF SPECIAL AGENT Marshall W. Houtz

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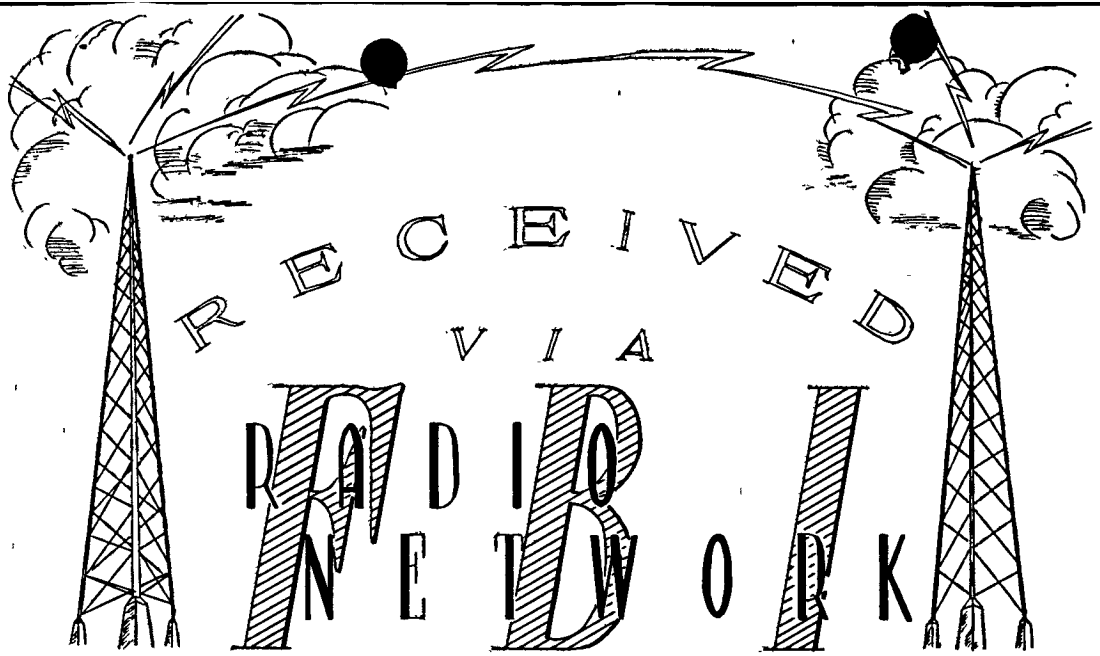

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MR NEASE _____
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APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RETIREMENT DEDUCTIONS

(Read Carefully Instructions on Back)

TO THE UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
WASHINGTON, D.C.:

I, Marshall Wilson Houts, born June 28, 1919 (Month) (Day) (Year),

formerly employed as Special Agent (State last position under retirement act)

in U. S. Department of Justice - Federal Bureau of Investigation (Department, branch, or independent office)

at Washington, D. C. (City and State),

being no longer employed in any position within the purview of the Civil Service Retirement Act, having been separated on or about December 30, 1943 (Date), because of

Voluntary Resignation (State whether separation was because of resignation, involuntary separation, or for other cause)

hereby make application for the amount due me on account of retirement deductions made from my salary.

Previous claims have been filed by me as follows: None (See par. 4 of General Instructions on back)

I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Marshall Wilson Houts (Applicant's signature in full)

R.F.D. #3 (Number and street)

Iron Market, Tennessee (City and State)

State of District of Columbia
County of) ss.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law, by the above-named applicant, to me personally known, this 18th day of January, 1944.

Witness my hand and official designation:

Marian Cauty (Signature of attesting officer)

Notary Public (Official designation)

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JAN 21 1944

October 18, 1943

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT PERSONNEL
Cuba - Administrative

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Under date of August 4, 1943, I addressed a letter to the Bureau reviewing the situation on Communist activities in Cuba and requested the assignment of a Special Agent with special qualifications for investigation of Communist activities. For your immediate use, a copy of the referenced letter is hereto attached.

In this letter it was said that such an Agent, to handle these investigations adequately, should have

1) A thorough background knowledge of the historic Communist movement;
2) Practical experience in Communist investigations, especially dealing with left-wing elements and undercover informants; and
3) An adequate working knowledge of the Spanish language.

On October 6, 1943, [redacted] arrived at Habana, under assignment in response to the above request. It has been ascertained, concerning the qualifications of [redacted] for this type of investigation, that 1) he has no particular background knowledge of the Communist movement; 2) he has not at any time handled a Communist investigation or dealt with undercover informants; and 3) he has no knowledge of the Spanish language. b7E b7D

I am calling this case to your personal attention because I believe the Communist investigations are of supreme importance, and the action taken on the specific request made to the Bureau is embarrassing and demoralizing.

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